

Meeting Date: July 19, 2007

Agenda Item No. 11

Agenda Item: Direction on Expenditure of Animal
Damage Control Funds (Action)

Approved by: _____

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Background:

Idaho statute annually appropriates \$100,000 of Department funds to the State Animal Damage Control Board for control of predatory animals and birds. Additionally, the Department annually transfers surplus funds from the expendable depredation account to the State Animal Damage Control Board. Idaho statute authorizes the Commission to direct how these funds are to be used.

Since 2005 the Commission has directed \$50,000 or more to be used for intensive coyote removal in conjunction with the Mule Deer Initiative in eastern Idaho. Additional funds, approximately \$50,000, have been directed by the Commission to support Wildlife Services activities identified in the MOU between the Department and the Animal Damage Control Board.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

36-112. ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL FUND. The animal damage control fund is hereby established in the state treasury. Moneys in the fund are subject to appropriation to the state animal damage control board established by section 25-2612A, Idaho Code, for the control of predatory animals and birds. In addition to moneys transferred into the fund pursuant to section 36-115(c), Idaho Code, the state controller shall annually, by August 1 of each year, transfer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the fish and game fund to the animal damage control fund. The state animal damage control board in using these moneys shall follow fish and game commission direction on actions regarding predatory animals or birds forwarded by the department by the same date.

Public Involvement Process:

None.

Staff Recommendation:

Department staff will provide a recommendation for directing expenditure of funds allocated to the Animal Damage Control Board.

Justification:

Commission direction on expenditure of Department provided funds is required.